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In re Patent Application of:  
Tetsuya Kondo

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Art Unit: 2652

For: RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING A SUBSTRATE  
CONTAINING MICROSCOPIC PATTERN OF  
PARALLEL GROOVE AND LAND SECTIONS AND  
RECORDING/REPRODUCING EQUIPMENT  
THEREFOR

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Examiner: M. V. Battaglia

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated January 27, 2005, and prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.